

Appln. No. 10/779,391
Amendment dated February 22, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed November 23, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 10 through 12 remain in this application. Claims 1 through 9 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

Paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Renfroe (3563015).

Claims 11 through 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Renfroe (3563015).

Claims 1 through 9 have been cancelled.

Claim 10 has been amended, and now requires "said fin members extending at an angle to said lawnmower blade to permit said fin members to increase air flow when said lawnmower blade is rotated, said angle being substantially orthogonal to a respective surface of said lawnmower blade from which a corresponding fin member extends". This language is submitted to more specifically define the angular relationship between each of the fin members and the blade.

The Renfroe patent shows a pair of cutter blades that are oriented parallel, rather than perpendicular, to the cutter bar of the apparatus. It is therefore submitted that the Refroe patent could not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the claimed fin member that is oriented substantially perpendicular to the blade.

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Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 10 through 12 is therefore respectfully requested.

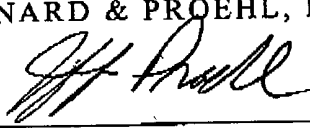
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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